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Monday

READINGS

Psalm 31; Exodus 4:10-31; 1 Corinthians 14:1-19; Mark 9:30-41

DEVOTION

The Dictionary defines TRUST as a firm reliance on the ability, integrity or character of another. This dependence takes many forms and is certainly not a passive action. To fully trust another is to put everything we have or believe in within their hands and let go of the worry, fear, or doubt that so easily clouds our minds and hearts. For all who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, we have someone, closer than a brother, in whom we place our total trust and confidence.

In Psalm 31, David seeks refuge in the great big arms of our God, entrusting his spirit to the Lord God of truth. God's loving response is to set our feet in a wide spacious place and to hide us in the safety of a secret place. God's call is for us to be of good courage, strengthened in the heart as we put our hope and trust in the Lord.

We see trust in God exhibited by Moses in Exodus 4:10-31, but only after he makes excuses to God over the Lord's command to speak out to the Egyptians. Even though, Moses was obstinate and had doubts, God rescued him from his fears and promised to provide all necessary strength for the tasks at hand if only Moses would trust Him fully.

The passage expressed in 1 Corinthians 14 teaches us not to question why God uses people in different ways to serve the kingdom. The fact that one possesses the gift of prophecy or can speak in tongues is not as important as trusting God to make the right choices in ordering our Spiritual Gifting. He can always be relied on to make the right choice, without question.

Finally, in Mark 9:30-41, Jesus points out that simple childlike trust is valued more in his eyes than position or status. Humble faith is what the Lord looks for in us, greatly blessing that reliance.

So, as we draw closer to celebrating the greatest achievement in the history of mankind, it is appropriate to ask "Who do you place your trust in now and forever?" Make the right choice today!

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